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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the July 1 Sheep & Goat Production Report. Total inventory numbers are reported for the U.S.

This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at nass-id@nass.usda.gov or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,

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Sheep and Lamb Inventory Down 2 Percent; Goat and Kid Inventory Down 1 Percent

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on July 1, 2010 totaled 6.90 million head, down 2 percent from July 1, 2009. Breeding sheep inventory at 4.16 million head on July 1, 2010 was down 3 percent from July 1, 2009. Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs), at 2.74 million head, were down 1 percent from last July. The breeding herd consists of 3.37 million ewes one year old and older, 175,000 rams one year old and older, and 620,000 replacement lambs (including newborn lambs). Market lamb inventory at 2.65 million head was comprised of 1.58 million lambs under 65 pounds, 550,000 lambs 65-84 pounds, 285,000 lambs 85-105 pounds, and 235,000 lambs over 105 pounds. Market sheep inventory was 90,000 head. The 2010 lamb crop in the United States is expected to total 3.60 million head, down 2 percent from the 2009 lamb crop of 3.69 million head. Lambs born during January through June 2010 totaled 3.15 million head or 88 percent of the yearly total. An additional 450,000 head are

expected to be born during the period July through December 2010. The 2010 expected lambing rate of 108 lambs per 100 ewes is unchanged from last year.

All goat and kid inventory on July 1, 2010 totaled 3.67 million head, down 1 percent from the previous July number. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.74 million head, down 2 percent from July 2009. All market goats and kids totaled 925,000 head, unchanged from the previous July. On July 1, 2010, meat and all other goats totaled 3.11 million head, down 2 percent from July 2009. Milk goat inventory was up 1 percent increasing to 390,000 head while angora goat inventory, at 165,000 head, was unchanged from a year ago. The 2010 kid crop in the United States is expected to total 1.95 million head, virtually unchanged from the 2009 kid crop. The 2010 expected kidding rate of 104 kids per 100 does is up 1 percent from the 2009 kid rate of 103.

Sheep and Lambs: Number by Class, United States, July 1, 2008-2010

Class	2008	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
	<i>1,000 Head</i>			<i>Percent</i>
All Sheep & Lambs	7,270	7,050	6,900	98
Breeding Sheep & Lambs	4,400	4,280	4,160	97
Replacement Lambs - Under One Year Old	630	630	620	98
Ewes - One Year Old and Older	3,590	3,470	3,365	97
Rams - One Year Old and Older	180	180	175	97
Market	2,870	2,770	2,740	99

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